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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 8008**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1952

**DATE PREPARED:** Mar 2, 1999

**BILL AMENDED:** Mar 1, 1999

**SUBJECT:** Smart growth land conservation.

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**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X GENERAL  
X DEDICATED  
X FEDERAL

**IMPACT:** State & Local

**Summary of Legislation:** (Amended) This bill establishes the Indiana Smart Growth Council. The bill also establishes the Hoosier Legacy Fund to provide matching funds to eligible projects under the United States Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation and Forest Legacy Programs.

**Effective Date:** (Amended) July 1, 1999.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** (Revised) This bill establishes the Indiana Smart Growth Council, which consists of 15 members. Each member is entitled to receive the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to individuals who serve as legislative and lay members of interim study committees established by the Legislative Council. The impact of this provision will depend on the number of meetings held by the Council, the mileage required, per diem, and related expenses. Legislative members receive per diem of \$117 and lay members receive \$50. (State employees do not receive per diem.) All members are entitled to a travel reimbursement of \$.28 per mile. The bill does not specify which state entity will be responsible for paying for the costs of the Council.

The bill also establishes the Hoosier Legacy Fund to provide matching funds to eligible projects under the United States Department of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation and Forest Legacy Programs. The Department of Natural Resources is to administer the fund. The expenses for administering the fund are to be paid from money in the fund.

**Explanation of State Revenues:** (Revised) The Hoosier Legacy Fund consists of appropriations made by the General Assembly, gifts and donations, federal grants, or money from other sources. This provision will allow the fund to also accept revenues from nonstate sources. The Treasurer of State is to invest money in the fund not currently needed to meet the obligations of the fund in the same manner as other public money may be invested. Money in the fund at the end of the fiscal year does not revert to the State General Fund.

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** (Revised) Local units may experience a reduction in expenditures for technical and planning assistance if they receive these services from the Council.

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Department of Natural Resources; Treasurer.

**Local Agencies Affected:** Local units that might receive assistance.

**Information Sources:**